Barren? barren, barren ; beggars all, beggars all, sir John : — marry, good air [8]. — Spread, Davy: spread, Davy: well said, Davy.

FAL. This Davy serves you for good uses ; he is your serving-man, and your husbandman[9].

SEAL. A good varlet, a good varlet, a very good varlet, sir John. — By the mass [x], I have drunk too much sack at supper : -- A good varlet. Now sit down, now sit down : — come, cousin.

SIL. Ah, sirrah! quoth-a, — we shall
Do nothing but eat,, and make good cheer,
[Singing.
And praise heaven for the merry year ;

were generally part of the desert in Shakspeare's time. See particularly Murrel's Cookery, &c. A late writer however asserts that *caraways* is the name of an apple as well known to the *natural* inhabitants of Bath, as nonpareil is in London, and as generally associated with golden pippins. He observes also that if Shakspeare had meant *comfits* he would have said, " a dish of last year's pippins with carraways." — With a dish, &c. clearly means something distinct from the pippins. *Jackson's Thirty Letters,* 8vo. vol. ii. p. 4?2. REED.

The following passage in Cogan's Haven of Health, 4to. bl. L. 1595. will at once settle this important question : " This is a confirmation of our use in England, for the serving of apples and other fruites last after meales. Howbeit we are wont to eate *carawaies* or biskets, or some other kind of comfits or *seedes* together with apples, thereby to breake winde ingendred by them : and surely it is a very good way for students." STEEVENS.

s : barren, barren : beggars all. — good air.] Justice Shallow alludes to a witticism frequent among rusticks, who, when talking of a healthy country, pleasantly observe : " Yes, it is a good air, more run away than die." HOLT WHITE.

9 — and your HUSBANDMAN.] Old copy — *husband.* Connected by Mr. Rowe. I am not sure that the emendation is necessary. " He was a wise *man,* and *&good;* " was the language of our author's time. See also Falstaff's preceding speech. MALONE.

[7] By the mass,] So, in Springes for Woodcocks^ a

collection of epigrams, 1606, Ep. 221 :

" In elders' time, as ancient custom was,
" Men swore in weighty causes *by the masse* ;
" But when the *masse* went down, (as others note,)
" Their oathes were, by the crosse of this same groat," &c»

STEBVBNS* •"